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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the office action dated January 17, 2007, Applicant has amended the claims and has the following comments.

In response to the restriction requirement at pages 2-10 of the office action, Applicant with traverse, elects the Group VI set of claims comprising claims 35-63.

Claims 8, 38, and 57-61 have been cancelled.

Claims 11, 13-18, 20, 26, 27, 31-34 and 64 have been withdrawn without traverse from the present application without prejudice to pursue the same or similar claims in a divisional application.

Claims 1-7, 9-12, 19, 21-25, and 28-30 have been amended and the restriction requirement in relation thereto is traversed.

A new independent claim 79 has also been added. Also, new dependent claims 66-78 and 80-81 have also been added.

As will be evident from the following, while not identified by the Examiner as part of Group VI, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12, 19, 21-25, 28-30 and new claims 66-81 should be able to be maintained and prosecuted in the present application along with the remaining Group VI claims.

All claims amendments herein were made without prejudice to pursue one or more or the original claims or claims similar thereto, in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

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Independent claim 62 is part of the Group VI set of claims. Claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12, 19, 21-25 and 28-30 are all now directly or indirectly dependent upon claim 62 and should be maintained for prosecution in the present application. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement in relation to claims 1-7, 9, 10, 12, 19 and 21-33.

Applicant also respectfully submits that in conjunction with the Group VI set of claims, independent claim 65, particularly as now amended, should be able to be maintained for prosecution in the present application with independent claim 62. Like independent claims 35 and 62, independent claim 65 as amended is directed to a panel unit for use as part of a concrete wall. Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement in relation to claim 65.

Applicant also respectfully submits that new independent claim 83 should and can also be maintained for prosecution with the Group VI set of claims. Claim 83 is also directed to a panel unit for use as part of a concrete form for a concrete wall. Claim 83 is similar to independent claim 35.

The remaining claims are now all dependent upon one or more of the independent claims of Group VI or independent claims 65 or 83. As such, it is respectfully submitted that these claims should and can be also be maintained for prosecution in the present application.

With respect to the Examiner's election of species requirement at page 11 of the office action, Applicant notes that all remaining independent and dependent claims in the present application are directed to panel units for use as part of concrete form in a concrete wall.

Accordingly, Applicant believes it is only necessary to elect from the Group III of species identified by the Examiner. From the species of Figs 10, 12A, 13A and 14A,

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Applicant elects Fig. 12A. Claims 62, 21-25, 28-30, 63-72 and 80-81 are believed to be readable on Fig. 12A.

If the Applicant is still also required to elect a species from Group I, Applicant with traverse, elects Fig. 4. Claims 62, 1-7, 9, 10, 12, 19, 21-25, 28-30, 35-37, 39-56, 63, 66-81 are believed to be readable on Fig. 4.

If the Applicant is still also required to elect a species from Group II, Applicant with traverse, elects Fig. 6. Claims 62, 1-7, 9, 10, 12, 19, 21-25, 30, 35-37, 39-56, 63, 65, 67-74, 75-81 are believed to be readable on Fig. 6.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favourable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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